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**SYSTEMS, DEVICES AND METHODS
FOR PROVIDING SERVICES IN A
PROXIMITY-BASED ENVIRONMENT**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the following amendments in the above-identified continuation application. The amendments find full support in the claims and/or specification as originally filed.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the text of the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, and insert therefor the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/593,531, filed June 14, 2000, which claims benefit of US Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60,165,54, filed November 15, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification is indicated in the Appendix hereto in which additions are marked by underlining and deletions are marked by bracketing.

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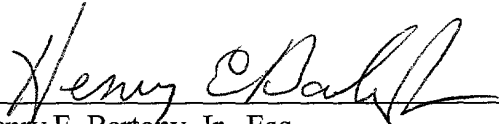
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the above amendment, indicate the allowability of Claims 1-20 and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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